

Ms. Renata Hesse  
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I write to say that I am pleased to see that the Department of Justice is close to settling the Microsoft case. I don't know many details about the charges in the case, but I do know that Microsoft has produced software that has proven extremely valuable in my work. In my view, Microsoft is the reason most software is now created to be compatible on most computers. For computer users who are not "techies", this has been invaluable.

It is time to settle and move on, so Microsoft can proceed with the kind of product development and innovation that has been so valuable in business, and therefore, in our economy. I hope the Department of Justice will agree.

Sincerely,



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